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**STINGERS FACE NUMBER ONE TEAM IN FIRST GAME OF NATIONALS**

**Basketball Update:** The Stingers travel to the C.I.A.U. National Championships this weekend. Concordia faces the #one ranked Brandon Bobcats in their opening game Friday, March 10. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

The Bobcats feature a multi-dimensional attack with three All-Canadians.

**1988 C.I.A.U. Player of the Year Patrick Jebbison** (Etobicoke, Ont.) leads the team in scoring while **Whitney Dabney** (New Orleans, Lou.) is one of the premier rebounders in the country. Point Guard **Joey Vickery** (Winnipeg, Man.) was an All-Canadian in 1987. He was one of the top three-point shooters in the nation this year. The Bobcats remaining starters consist of forward **David Dominique** (New Iberia, Lou.) and rookie **Justin Jones** (Toronto, Ont.)

**CONCORDIA STINGER PLAYER CAPSULES**

**Dexter John** - One of the nation's top freshman scorers and a candidate for Rookie of the Year honors. John leads the team in scoring with his 17.8 average. In the East Section final, he led the Stingers with 28 points. With 571 points (32 games) to his credit, he is the **greatest freshman scorer in Concordia varsity history**. John (5'10-170) may be the best player under six feet in the C.I.A.U. He has scored in double figures in 31 of 32 games, including 21 consecutive games. The former Dawson College star was recently named a **first team O.U.A.A. All-Star**. In addition, he has scored at least 20 points on 12 occasions. (Concordia is 10-3 in those games).

Thus far, John has led the team in scoring 14 times (including ties). He has had eight rebounds in a game on three occasions. His 11 assists vs. Dalhousie (Jan. 7, 1989) is a team record.

With at least two games left, John has the **eighth best single season point total** in Concordia history. He is averaging 30.8 minutes per game and has played at least 35 minutes seven times (40 vs. U.P.E.I.). An outstanding shooter, he has hit .600 or better 12 times. John had 10 or more field goals on four occasions this year. He was voted the **M.V.P. of the 1988 C.C.A.A. National Championship**, while leading Dawson College to victory. In tournament play, John has been selected to two All-star teams and named **M.V.P. of the McGill Tournament**. John was named **C.I.A.U. Athlete of the Week** on November 14, 1989.

**Nick Arvanitis:** The junior forward has been a consistent performer for the Stingers since joining the team from Vanier College. He has recorded **double-doubles** (points/rebounds) in three of his last four games. Arvanitis has scored in double figures in 25 games this season. A **first team conference All-Star** last year, Arvanitis has 1275 career points and sits eighth on Concordia's all time list. Just ahead is **Assistant Coach John Dore** (1330), a former All-star guard during the mid-seventies. Arvanitis (6'5-215) had a **career high 27 points** against Queen's this year. He is fifth in team scoring this season after leading the team in both scoring and rebounding last year. The third year Business student is currently averaging six rebounds per game after finishing **fifth in the nation last season** (9.3).